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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Saenger et al.  
Title: METHOD OF FORMING CLOSED AIR GAP INTERCONNECTS  
AND STRUCTURES FORMED THEREBY  
Filed: September 19, 2003  
Serial No: 10/666,564  
Docket No.: YOR920030274US1  
Art Unit: 2826  
Examiner: Alexander O. Williams  
Confirmation No.: 5537  
Customer No.: 27623

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

**TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Response to the Election of Species Requirement dated October 25, 2004, in the above-identified application.

Request for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_. The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED            |   |       |   |                  |           |    |
|------------------------------|---|-------|---|------------------|-----------|----|
|                              | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment |       | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid | Present<br>Extra | Rate      |    |
| Total<br>Claims              | 33  | Minus | 33                                      | 0                | x \$18.00 | \$ |
| Independent<br>Claims        | 10  | Minus | 3                                       | 0                | x \$84.00 | \$ |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE |   |       |   | x \$280.00 = \$  |           |    |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES  |   |       |   | \$0.00           |           |    |

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes, and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0; a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is included.

\_\_\_\_\_ sheets of amended drawings are enclosed;

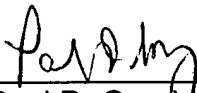
**XXX** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0510**.

A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 23, 2004

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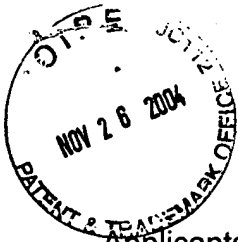
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In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated October 25, 2004, applicants hereby elect as follows:

The claims of Group I drawn to a closed air gap interconnect structure had previously been elected in response to a Restriction Requirement.

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the Species represented by Fig. 2h, which defines a closed air gap interconnect structure according to the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic to the species represented by Figs. 2a-4b.

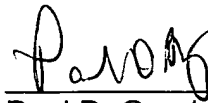
Applicants respectfully submit that upon allowance of claim 1, the remaining claims of Group I should be rejoined.

Applicants respectfully request examination of this application and allowance of the pending claims.

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